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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

6 March 1980

Dear Dr. Strain,

I am indeed honored and flattered by Anthony DeVico's nomination and your consideration of me for the Presidency of Suffolk University.

While at another time I would be most interested, I regret that for the present I must withdraw my name from active consideration. I would, however, like very much to commend to you someone whom I consider exceptionally well qualified to fill the post of President of Suffolk University. This is Ambassador James B. Engle, recently retired from a career in our State Department. Ambassador Engle was a Rhodes Scholar and a Fulbright Fellow. During his service in the Department of State, he was awarded a Rockefeller Public Service Award and did further academic work at Cambridge University under this award. He has served abroad in Latin America, Africa, Europe, and in the Far East. Much more importantly, I know Ambassador Engle to have an exceptionally fertile and imaginative mind to combine with his wide scope of practical experience. In short, I believe that the combination of his academic background, his intellectual capabilities, and his practical experience would combine to offer the kind of leadership Suffolk University is searching for. You may write to him at:

The Honorable James B. Engle

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Please extend my best wishes to Captain DeVico and I wish you success for an early and fruitful resolution to your search.

Yours sincerely,


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